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HERBERT HOOVER, JR., W6ZH



Our Honorary Member, Herbert Hoover, Jr., W6ZH, gave a most excellent address to the QCWA at the Annual Dinner celebrating the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Washington Chapter. Herb reminisced over much of the history of amateur radio and reviewed some of the past accomplishments of amateurs. He then asked where do we go today and tomorrow? Amateur radio used to be a very attractive hobby to boys who had a yen toward science and electronics. Today the radio is but one of a great number of challenging scientific hobbies. There is a noticeable dropping off in the number of new youngsters entering amateur radio. Herb suggests we all ought to explore means for interesting more qualified youngsters to enter the amateur ranks.

The April 1966 issue of QST published Herb Hoover's address in its entirety. Hope you read it.

BOARD MEETING

The initial 1966 meeting of the QCWA Board of Directors was held on March 7, 1966 at the Engineers' Club in New York City. All national officers and directors were in attendance.

1. The Executive Secretary, Augustine J. Gironda, W2JE, reported the membership status as of December 31, 1965:

Active Members on January 1, 1965		3315
Dropped or resigned during 1965	218	
"Silent Keys" during 1965	<u>21</u>	-239
New members during 1965		385
Active Members as of December 31, 1965		<u>3461</u>

Membership distribution by FCC call sign districts:

<u>District</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	236	6	630	VE	58
2	648	7	344	US Possess.	31
3	324	8	435	Foreign	<u>30</u>
4	249	9	166		
5	147	Ø	163	Total	3,461

2. The financial report for the calendar year 1965 was submitted by the Treasurer, Fred W. Huff, W2AMB. It should be noted that 1965 was the first year in which dues are prepaid for a 3-year period and thus must carry their share of operations over the next 2 years. An expenditure of about \$2,500 is expected in the first quarter of 1966 to cover the cost of the forthcoming Year Book.

[a] Revenues Received During 1965

Entry fees and dues from 380 new members	\$3,398.00	
Dues from 1,334 members	9,124.80	
Sales of lapel pins, stamps, cuts, etc.	<u>963.25</u>	\$13,486.05

[b] Revenue Deductions

Printing, mailing, News Letters, etc.	2,348.13	
Publicity and advertising	164.72	
Office expenses	2,705.07	
Supplies of lapel pins and handling	479.55	
Taxes and insurance	198.92	
Banners, plaques, 50-Year Awards, meeting expenses	<u>997.43</u>	6,893.82

[c] Net Income During 1965 \$ 6,592.23

3. The Recording Secretary, David Talley, W2PF, reported that three News Letters had been issued during 1965. He requested to be relieved of his assignment as editor of the QCWA News Letter after the next issue. This matter was referred to the President for necessary action.
4. The Board amended the By-Laws in reassigning certain duties of the Treasurer and Executive Secretary, and also provided changes in nominating procedures.

DUES STATEMENTS

Under the changes in the By-Laws the Executive Secretary will now be responsible for mailing out dues statements and maintain the record of payment by members.

NOMINATION BY PETITION

The By-Laws have been amended so that a nomination of any officer or director for placement on the ballot can be made by petition signed by 100 or more members.

50-YEAR AWARDS

A total of 127 "50-Years Licensed in Amateur Radio" Awards have been issued to members to date. If you can qualify for your Award in 1966, request an application form from the Executive Secretary. This award is based on ownership and operation of a licensed amateur radio station 50 years or more ago. Applications must be in the Executive Secretary's hands before September 1, 1966 for certificates issued in 1966.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORTS

New Charter certificates have been mailed to all active QCWA Chapters. These Charters should be presented to the incoming Chairman of the Chapter at the installation meeting. The gold stamps for Life Members have been mailed to those ordering them. The new dues cards have been issued and it is hoped that members will like them. A complete library of call books from 1913 to date is maintained by Ed Raser, W2ZI. You can write to him, with a SASE, to check on the date of your first amateur radio station license.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The following have become Life Members since January 1, 1966:

W1AVW, W1EV, W1JM, W2HEV, W2ARO, W2CYK, K2ETJ, W2FBE, W2LAP, W2LMJ, W2NHZ, W2VH, W3ABN, W3AJS, W3AXA, W3PS, W3RX, W3WZC, W3ZQ, W4ACY, W4IYT, W5ARV, W5CQI, K5JLQ, W5KYH, W5NW, W6DTQ, W6JAQ, K6LCB, W6MDG, W6OED, W6PIF, W7AEA, W7DMN, W7FIM, W7FUL, W8ADQ, W8ALP, W8AQ, W8FDG, W8JXM, W8UX, W8ZC, W9BNQ, W9MB, W9PBY, K9PZD, W0GFO, W0GPR, W0LWJ, K17AI, VW2BK, VE3HP.

NEW YORK CITY LUNCHEON CLUB

An amateur radio luncheon club has been meeting, usually the third Thursday in the month at the 60 East Club, 60 East 42nd Street, at 12:15. The luncheon club is not restricted to QCWA members. They and out-of-town members who happen to be in New York City at the time are always welcome. Arrangements for attendance should be made through Mark J. Devaney, W2NQR, whose New York telephone number is OXford 7-0700, Extension 264.

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The Tenth Anniversary of the Washington Chapter was celebrated on February 5, 1966 at the Washingtonian Motel near Gaithersburg, Maryland. Over 225 members and guests attended this outstanding affair including FCC Commissioners Kenneth A. Cox, Robert T. Bartley and Rosel H. Hyde, ARRL President Herbert Hoover, Jr., W6ZH, Adm. Robert M. Weeks, Director of Naval Communications, Lt. General T.J. Conway and Lt. General Harold W. Grant, D of D, and a host of many other military "brass" and VIP's from the communications and electronics industries including QCWA President Earl R. Thomas, W2MM.

H. H. "Robbie" Robinson, W3RE, Chapter Chairman, was ably assisted by Vice Chairman Tex DeBardleben, W4TE, Secretary Bob Hiltner, W3GHX, Treasurer Elizabeth Zandonini, W3CDQ, and Auto-Call Correspondent Mac Williams, K3AC, in planning and successfully carrying out this gala meeting.

Golden Anniversary Awards were presented by QCWA President Earl R. Thomas, W2MM, to two of the Chapter's most distinguished members; Leo Young, W3WV, and Tom Appleby, W3AX. The radio activities of these members, both amateur-wise and commercially, date back to around 1900. The Chapter now has five 50-Years Licensed in Amateur Radio members. A special plaque of appreciation for rendering assistance to the Red Cross in times of disaster was presented to ARRL through W6ZH by Mr. Robert C. Edson of the American Red Cross. An award was given to Ralph V. Anderson, W3NL, for his long service as publisher and editor of "Auto-Call", the publication of the Foundation for Amateur Radio. In addition, a plaque was presented by Ed Redington, W4ZM, on behalf of the Chapter to Mac Williams, K3AC [ex-W3ER and W2EH] for his many years of service to amateur radio.

The main event of the evening was an address by ARRL President Herbert Hoover, W6ZH, on "Amateur Radio - A National Resource". W6ZH outlined the many accomplishments of amateur radio and spoke of some of the future problems facing communications as a result of staggering demands for radio spectrum space.

CHAPTER NEWS

A prime purpose of the News Letter is to publish news about QCWA Chapters, members, important events in Amateur Radio, and related items. To carry out this objective requires the kind and full support of members, particularly Chapter Vhairmen and Secretaries. Please send a report of your meeting, with photos [black and white] if available, to the Executive Secretary, W2JE, as soon as possible after the event. The material will help to keep National Headquarters informed of your Chapter activities as well as providing items for the News Letter.

Several new QCWA Chapters are in the embryo stage. An organizational meeting of the proposed West Florida Chapter has been planned by W4YK. W8PZT is working on starting a Chapter around Fairmount or Clarksburg, West Virginia. Similarly, VE3HP has initiated action for a Chapter in Ontario. W2ETY is organizing a Finger Lakes, N. Y. Chapter. W3LP is preparing a petition for a chapter in Reading, Pennsylvania and W4PI is working on starting a chapter around Orlando, Florida. We now have 27 Chapters but the above-mentioned activities should add a considerable number during 1966.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

The annual dinner-meeting of the Chapter and installation of officers held in Sun City, Arizona featured Barry Goldwater, K7UGA/K3UIG. Foy, W7GOH, who is the new Chairman for 1966-1967, anticipates considerable growth in Chapter membership as more and more hams are attracted to Arizona.



PRESENTATIONS AT THE
10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE
WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER
FEBRUARY 5, 1966

QCWA President, Earl R. Thomas, W2MM, presents
Golden Anniversary Award to Leo C. Young, W3WV



QCWA President, Earl R. Thomas, W2MM, presents
Golden Anniversary Award to Tom Appleby, W3AX



NEW CHAIRMAN ARIZONA CHAPTER

Left to right

Barry Goldwater, K7UGA; Foy Pickett, W7GOH, Chairman
Graham MaConomy, K7RUR, retiring Chairman;
John Ingwersen, W7CS, retiring Vice Chairman



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER DINNER

Left to right

John Slater, W6WF, Secy-Treas.; Mrs. Everman;
Dr. E. Hopner, Guest Speaker; Dr. C. C. Everman, W6BCM,
Chapter Chairman; Russ Estep, W6AUC, past Chairman



CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

Rear Row W2RGP, W2QH, W2APE [Chairman], W2SDA, K2LBB, W2FCG
Front Row W2UWD, W2IRH, W2QZX, W2QLQ



Dayton Chapter Chairman, WBALW, presents
Golden Anniversary Award to W8TE



B. G. Jim G. Smith, USMC [Ret], W6RT
Active West Coast QCWA er

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

The dinner-meeting held at the Edgewater Inn, near Oakland, California, on February 12, 1966 was attended by 120 members and guests. Dr. C. C. Everman, W6BCM, was installed as the new Chapter Chairman. A feature of the meeting was a very interesting talk by Dr. E. Hopner of IBM's West Coast System's Laboratory. The Norcal Chapter Net on 3907 kc [SSB] is very active on week ends. Temporary Chapter Secretary, W6ELW, reports that the Chapter has many doctors, dentists and lawyers as active members. In fact, the Chapter gained about 15 members in the past month including W2BSL/6 from New York. The Chapter's News Letter, edited by Jack Slater, W6WF, continues as an excellent member-communication medium.

CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

This Chapter formally came of age on March 4, 1966 with the approval by its members of the revised Constitution and By-Laws. Vic, W2APE, is the Chairman, and Bert, K2LBB, is Executive Secretary. The Chapter meets in Vestal, N. Y. and is planning a local hamfest for March 19 to publicize its activities.

CANTON, OHIO CHAPTER

The annual election and dinner-meeting held November 13 was a gala affair with 55 members and guests in attendance at the Padulas Inn, Massillon, Ohio. Officers for 1966 are W. L. Beechy, W8LVW, Chairman, C. J. Murray, W8ZA, Vice Chairman, and Miss C. A. Cicerello, W8NAL, Secretary-Treasurer. Trustees are Robert Roy, W8HR, and E. M. Reichman, W8NBK. Only five new members are needed to obtain the QCWA banner and the Chapter expects to do so very soon. W8AL is celebrating his 50 years in ham radio. The Chapter also expects to have its first Father-Son QCWA membership.

CLEVELAND, OHIO CHAPTER

Harry Caskey, W8LEX, was elected Chairman and Paul Cornell, W8EFW, was elected Secretary at the Chapter's Fall meeting which was attended by 76 members and guests. Plans are in the works for a big Spring Meeting on May 14, 1966, which will include the ladies and guests.

DAYTON, OHIO CHAPTER

The annual election of officers of the Chapter was held in connection with the Fall dinner-meeting on November 3, 1965. The current officers were renominated and elected for a second term of one year. 50 Years in Amateur Radio certificates were awarded to W8TE, W8NW and K8SNB. The Chapter lost to Silent Keys during the past year - W8EL, W8QBJ, W8TN and W8DG. A talk on the early days of commercial broadcasting by John Slade, W8SUK, who owns station WMOH in Hamilton, Ohio, caused many members to start a "Do you remember ..." session. The Chapter recently formed a QCWA Net for the State of Ohio which meets every Sunday at 1700 GMT on 3990 kc. An average of 15 members report into this net which usually runs for about one hour. W8GVB is NCS. Elmer, W8ALW, and Rudy, W8TE, continue in 1966 as Chapter Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively.

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

There were 133 members and guests at the meeting held on March 12. Gil Crossley, W3YA, Atlantic Division Director ARRL, gave a short resume' on problems facing ARRL. The principle talk at the meeting was given by Joseph Hertzberg, W3JH, ex 8JE, Division Vice President of RCA Communications Systems. Looking back 30 years he believed that today there was a great deal of poor operating practice and general lack of courtesy to newcomers in the amateur ranks.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

This new Chapter with H.A.Sears, K5JLQ, as Acting Chairman, has scheduled alternate dinner and luncheon meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. The February meeting was a luncheon at the Geo Club in Houston. Over-the-air meetings are held Sundays at 8:30 AM CST on 3890 kc, 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM on 7240 kc, and 7:30 PM on 3890 kc. Present membership includes W5DB, W5HZ, K5JLQ, W5AIR, W5EFB, W5FJ, W5CE, W5MMK, W5PB, W5EYC, W5WR, W5OP, W5CQI, W5LI, W5ETA, W5VW, W5IGJ, W5GPD, W5KLI, W5KTL, W5AF, W5ESV, and W5PLE.

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER

A dinner-meeting is being planned for Spring by W3AXA, Chapter Chairman. The Chapter net meets Sundays at 9:00 AM EST on 3610 kc. A Chapter News Letter is also on the 1966 planning boards as the Chapter continues to grow.

UPPER MID-WEST CHAPTER

The last meeting of the 1965 season was held December 2 with 28 members and five guests present. Election of 1966 officers resulted in Joseph Tomcyk, W0DBC, Chairman, Nick Laub, W0IIC, Secretary-Treasurer, and George Benson, K0YAE, Program Chairman. A film "Space Walk" was shown which gave everyone the impression that they were aboard the Gemini 4. Bill Higgins, W0YDB, arranged for the film presentation. Some of the members who like DX-chasing engaged in a heated discussion on this favorite sport.

MISCELLANEOUS

W2CMM's son, K2HYY, keeps schedules with him via Ed Freeman, K0NIA, Yankton, S.D., of the Mid-West Chapter. George Craiu, Y03RF, is now a Life Member and reports that his Life Membership certificate is a beauty and thanks all QCWA members for this honor. Clarence, W2KW/K2KW/W2CCD, has added KV4AB in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to his QTH. He is building a small retreat there to spend time during the winter months when W2KW usually is snowed-in. Executive Secretary Emeritus, Ralph Barber, W2ZM, is in good spirits at the Patterson Home for the Aged, 875 Jerusalem Avenue, Uniondale, N.Y. 11553. Ralph would like to hear from his fellow members so drop him a line sometime soon.

SILENT KEYS

The following members have joined SILENT KEYS since the publication of the January 1966 issue of the QCWA News Letter:

W2BOH	- J. A. Edwards, Jr.	W6IN	- G. T. Droste [Charter Member]
W2JL	- Harry Civiletti	W6JW	- Otto B. Tyler
WA2LHP	- William A. Geohegan	W6MPL	- Elmer F. Maryatt
W3AKB	- Frances R. Darne	W7VX	- George W. Fitzpatrick
W3BNU	- Oscar A. Hiskey	W8CSQ	- Donald M. Jewell
W3CPT	- R. Kenneth Harrison	W8STF	- William B. Carr
W3DK	- Barron P. Freeburger	W9BMV	- Robert E. Montgomery
W4RJ	- Berry L. Hinnant	VE7OM	- William C. Orchard
K6CRA	- Philip J. Faulkner, Sr.		

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